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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: STORAGE SYSTEM AND VIRTUAL PRIVATE VOLUME
CONTROL METHOD

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 20 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Transmittal of certified copy of Japanese application 2001-016503 claiming priority date of January 25, 2001.
- ☒ Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form 1449.
- ☐ Applicant requests non-publication.
- ☐ Applicant is a small entity.
- ☐ A preliminary amendment.
- ☒ An Executed Declaration

- ☒ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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